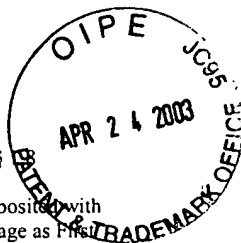


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of December 18, 2002, the response for which was due March 18, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. A one-month request for extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith.